

Congressional Art Competition

I am pleased to announce that I will be sponsoring the 2006 Congressional Art Competition for Senior High School students. I believe that this competition provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of students in the Sixth Congressional District and acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

In the last 25 years, hundreds of thousands of high school students have been able to participate at the local level. This remarkable exhibit represents the combined efforts of the members who conduct local contests and the students who participate.

Participating students must reside in the Sixth Congressional District. If your students reside in Harford, Baltimore or Montgomery County, I recommend that you verify their Congressional district online at: <http://mdelect.net/> to avoid disqualification.

Please complete the enclosed school registration form and return it to my Allegany/Garrett District office, at the address below, no later than March 10, 2006.

Enclosed you will find the art competition guidelines and a student information/release form. Each student must complete this form and attach it to the back of their artwork. You may make copies as needed. You may also download this form and the competition guidelines from this website.

Artwork may be dropped off at my nearest district office listed below. All artwork is due by April 21, 2006. Artwork dropped off after this date will be disqualified.

Allegany/Garrett County District Office
1 Frederick Street, Suite 2
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-724-3105
800-889-3012 (toll free)

Frederick County District Office
7360 Guilford Drive, Suite 101
Frederick, MD 21704
301-694-3030
888-297-8006 (toll free)

Washington/Montgomery County District Office
11377 Robinwood Drive, Suite F
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-797-6043
888-863-4581 (toll free)

Carroll/Baltimore/Harford County District Office
15 East Main Street, Suite 110
Westminster, MD 21157
410-857-1115
800-705-2385 (toll free)

On May 15, 2006, I will announce the Sixth Congressional District Best in Show and winners in each of the seven categories. The eight winners and their families will receive a tour of the Capitol and be invited to attend a reception on Capitol Hill.

The Best in Show from our competition will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill for one year and may be awarded an Artistic merit Scholarship, in the amount of \$3000.00 per year by the Savannah College of Art and Design. The Best in Show winner from the Sixth District will be invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on Wednesday June 28, 2006, in Washington, DC with other Best in Show winners from around the United States.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Frantz, Art Coordinator at 301-724-3105 or toll free at 800-889-3012.

2006 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only.

In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:

- Piece must be two-dimensional
- Each piece can be **no larger** than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame.
- No more than 4 inches in depth

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage” must be two-dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

A copy of the Student Release Form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.

Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.

Note: Any entry, which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artworks for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.